Implementation of Golden Thread and Watershed Development Scheme in Assam

1505. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) stages of implementation of Golden Thread and Watershed Development Scheme;

(b) year-wise amount released from New Delhi and released by concerned DM office, District-wise in Assam; and

(c) causes of delay n implementation and release of funds to the field level executig agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Rural Development, under the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP) has sanctioned 30 projects covering an area of 2.31 lakh ha. at a total cost of Rs. 131.52 crore for Assam. So far, an amount of Rs. 28.47 crore has been released for execution of these projects. The details of funds released under IWDP to Assam as Central and State share, district-wise, is given in Statement-I. (*See* below)

Under IWDP, the duration of each project is 5 years and funds are released in 7 instalments on project to project basis to the District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) for implementation of the projects. The first instalment is released at the time of sanction of the porject. Each subsequent instalment is released on receipt of Utilisation Certificate, Quarterly Progress Report and Audited Statement of Account of the previous year, as well as utilisation of more than 50% funds of the last instalment released. After sanction of the projects, activities relating to community mobilization like the formation of Watershed Association/ Watershed Committtees, Self Help Groups, User Groups, sensitization of the people living in the project areas and formulation of detailed action plans are taken up, which take considerable time. Actual implementation of the poroject starts after the completion of the above activities and approval of the action plans by the concerned DRDA. Frequent transfers and postings of Project Officials and changes in Project Implementation

Agency (PIA) also affect the pace of implementation of the projects. With the result, some projects overrun the project period.

For development of Muga & Eri Silk in Assam, the "Project Golden Thread" has been taken up in eight districts of Assam namely Kokrajha, Karbi-Anglong, Dhubri and Golaghat- for Eri project, and Kamrup, Goalpara, Lakhimpur and Dhemaji for Muga project, under the Special Swarnjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY) which is sponsored by the Ministry of Rural Development. Funds are released in the ratio of 75:25 between Central and State Governments respectively. These projects are being implemented by the Department of Panchayat & Rural Development, Government of Assam through DRDAs/Blocks with the help of line Departments—Central Silk Board and Sericulture Department. The basic objective of the project is to provide income generating activities for Below Poverty Line (BPL) families, especially women. These projects were sanctioned during the year 1999-2000 at a total cost of Rs. 7.29 crore (Central share). The details of funds released under these projects since their sanction are given in the Statement-II. These projects are at various stages of implementation.

Statement-I

Details of Funds released under IWDP to Assam

Assam

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of the District	Central Share	State Share	Total
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Karbi Anglong-I	110-10	0.00	110.10
2.	Nagaon	125,00	0.00	125.00
3.	Hailakandi-I	117.86	0.00	117.86
4.	Lakhimpur	160.58	0.00	160.58
5.	Karbi Anglong-II	99.00	9.00	108.00
6.	Dhemaji	153.46	13.94	167.40
7.	Jorhat	132.03	0.00	132.03
8.	Sonitpur	105.36	4.79	110.15
9.	Golaghat	99.00	9.00	108.00
10.	Tinsukhia	90.76	4.12	94.88
11.	Kokrajhar	282.38	17.17	299.55
12.	Dibrugarh	185.63	16.88	202.51

1	2	3	4	5
13.	Morigaon	103.13	9.37	112.50
14.	Karimganj	148.05	0.00	148.05
15.	Cachar	195.05	17.74	212.79
16.	Dhubri	49.50	4.50	54.00
17.	Goalpara	49.50	4.50	54.00
18.	Darrang	49.50	4.50	54.00
19.	Sivasagar	49.50	4.50	54.00
20.	Nalbari	49.50	4.50	54.00
21.	South Kamrup	50.60	4.61	55.21
22.	North Cahar Hills	35.31	3.20	38.51
23	Bongaigaon	45.50	4.13	49.63
24	Jorhat-II	54.82	4.98	59.80
25	Barpeta	46.58	4.24	50.82
26	Dhemaji-II	49.50	0.00	49.50
27	Karbi Anglong-III	48.01	0.00	48.01
28	Golaghat-II	50.12	0.00	50.12
29	Sonitpur-II	66.43	0.00	66.43
30	Lakhimpur-II	44.75	0.00	44.75

Statement-II

District-wise Release of Funds under Special SGSY Scheme for Golden Thread Project.

Assam

(Rs. in lakhs)

Sl. No.	Name of District	Central share	State share	total
1	2	3	4	5
ERI PROJECT				
1.	Kokrajhar	38.97	11.76	50.73
2.	Dhubri	38.97	11.76	50.73
3.	Golaghat	38.97	19.96	58.93
4.	Karbi-Anglong	38.97	11.76	50.73

1	2	3	4	5
MUGA PROJECT				
1.	Goalpara	79.16	32.19	111.35
2.	Kamrup	87.79	54.77	142.56
3.	Lakhimpur	87.79	32.19	119.98
4.	Dhemaji	79.17	32.19	111.36

Success of Pilot Sector Reforms Programme

1506. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH:
SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pilot sector reforms programme has not yielded expected results in the districts where it is being implemented;

(b) if so, the problems faced by the districts in taking up the programme;

(c) the districts selected for the pilot project and the progress and the physical target achieved;

(d) the steps being taken by the Ministry to make the pilot project a success; and

(e) the status of the project in Andhra Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNASAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) and (b) The Sector Reform Project was introduced on pilot basis with effect from April 1999 in rural water supply sector to institutionalise community participation in rural water supply programme to ensure sustainability of systems and sources. The Sector Reform Projects are process project. The main objective is to enhance the awareness among the rural people on technological options and their cost differences, importance of peoples' participation, operation and maintenance etc.

(c) The districts selected for the pilot project and the financial and physical progress is given in Statement I and II. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) National Conference on Rural Water Supply Sector Reform Project was held on 28th June 2001 with project authorities and State Governments to take stock of implementation status. The status of the project in Andhra Pradesh is at Statement III.